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TAGS: ODIP, PREL, CS, NU, AR

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE ON LA PENCA

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REF: (A) 93 SAN JOSE 5810 (NOTAL)

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1. THIS IS AN ACTION REQUEST.

2. THE COSTA RICAN EMBASSY HAS FORWARDED UNDER DIPLOMATIC NOTE A REQUEST FROM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DEPUTY AND PRESIDENT OF THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE COMMISSION ON LA PENCA SONIA RODRIGUEZ FOR AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE PRESIDENT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF INVESTIGATING THE MAY 30, 1984 LA PENCA BOMBING. NSC STAFF HAS ADVISED THAT SUCH A MEETING IS NOT POSSIBLE; DEPT OFFICIALS WOULD BE WILLING--BUT ARE NOT REQUESTING--, TO MEET WITH RODRIGUEZ TO GAIN A FIRSTHAND SENSE OF THE SCOPE AND PROGRESS OF THE INVESTIGATION.

3. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO DELIVER THE FOLLOWING DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, WITH A COURTESY COPY TO DEPUTY RODRIGUEZ. FYI: WHITE HOUSE STAFF REPORTS THAT RODRIGUEZ' ORIGINAL MARCH MEETING REQUEST WAS NEVER RECEIVED BY THE WHITE HOUSE.

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CONSEQUENTLY, THE REQUEST COULD NOT BE ACTED UPON UNTIL
FORWARDED BY THE COSTA RICAN EMBASSY IN JULY. END FYI.

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BEGIN TEXT:

(STANDARD OPENING) AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO A
REQUEST TRANSMITTED BY THE COSTA RICAN EMBASSY FROM
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DEPUTY SONIA RODRIGUEZ QUESADA FOR
AN APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT CLINTON TO DISCUSS THE MAY
30, 1984 BOMBING AT LA PENCA. REGRETTABLY, SUCH AN
APPOINTMENT CANNOT BE SCHEDULED. HOWEVER, SHOULD A

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DELEGATION FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY STILL WISH TO
MEET WITH US GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REPRESENTATIVES WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE.
(STANDARD CLOSING).

END TEXT.

4. IN ADDITION, REFTEL ASKS FOR GUIDANCE IN RESPONDING
TO RODRIGUEZ' REQUEST FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE
GAGUINE FAMILY IN MIAMI. REQUESTS OF THIS NATURE ARE
MOST APPROPRIATELY HANDLED AS A POLICE TO POLICE MATTER,
FROM COSTA RICAN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS TO U.S. LAW
ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS, THROUGH INTERPOL. WITH RESPECT TO
THE GOCR'S INTEREST IN OBTAINING GAGUINE'S FINGERPRINTS
FROM ARGENTINA, THE GOCR SHOULD ADDRESS THIS REQUEST
DIRECTLY TO GOA AUTHORITIES. EMBASSY SHOULD CONVEY THIS
INFORMATION TO DEPUTY RODRIGUEZ WHEN DELIVERING A
COURTESY COPY OF THE ABOVE DIPLOMATIC NOTE.

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